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pectins. In addition, the invention provides methods for obtaining the pectins and beverages stabilized with the pectins according to the invention.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 7 and 9-11 as follows.

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- 4. (Amended A method according to [claims 1-3] claim

 1, wherein the beverage is beer.
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- 7. (Amended) method according to [any one of claims 4-6] claim 4, wherein between 0.5 and 30 g pectin per hectoliter beer is added.
- 9. (Amended) A beverage with a stabilized foam head,
 [obtainable with a method according to any one of the
 preceding claims] obtained by a method for improving the
 stability of the foam head of beverages, wherein before,
 during or after the preparation process of the beverage one or
 more pectins are added thereto.
- 10. (Amended) A [beer with a stabilized foam head, obtainable with a method according to any one of claims 1-8] beverage according to claim 9, wherein said beverage is beer.
- 11. (Amended) A beer obtained [according to any one of claims 1-8] by a method for improving the stability of the foam head of beverages, wherein before, during or after the preparation process of the beverage one or more pectins are added thereto.

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Please add the following new claims.

- 1 14. A method according to claim 2, wherein the beverage
- 2 is beer.
- 1 15. A method according to claim 3, wherein the beverage is beer.
- 1 16. A method according to claim 5, wherein between 0.5 2 and 30 g pectin per hectoliter beer is added.
 - 17. A method according to claim 6, wherein between 0.5 and 30 g pectin per hectoliter beer is added.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to add an Abstract at the proper location. The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and add new dependent claims.

If there are any additional fees required by this Amendment, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. 29865.

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